

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK  
AUTHORIZING AWARD THE OF CONTRACT BID15012  
TO HIGH TECH LANDSCAPES INC. FOR  
TREE REMOVAL AND TREE TRIMMING SERVICES  
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services provides ground maintenance of parks and various municipal property and contracts out tree removal and trimming services, that require specialized lawn care equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract with High Tech Landscape, Inc. expires December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann Benson, the Director for the Department, determined there is a need to continue having said services provided; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2015 the Township Council approved Resolution 240-9.15 authorizing advertisement for receipt of bids for Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Services – BID15012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed the receipt of five bids on October 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bid was submitted by M&A Tree Service (19 Meadow Street Somerville, NJ 08876) in the amount of \$113,700.00; and

**WHEREAS**, M&A Tree Service's bid submission had an irregularity in their bid proposal, that when corrected, deemed them not to be the lowest bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the second lowest bid submitted by High Tech Landscapes Inc. (10 Culnen Drive, Branchburg, NJ 08876) in the amount \$132,250.00 was determined the lowest responsive bid; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for said services was included within the FY2016 Parks OE – Tree Maintenance Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Ron Gordon with Decotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP, appointed Municipal Legal Counsel, has reviewed the proposals submitted and determined High Tech Landscapes, Inc. bid the lowest responsive and responsible under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Lou Ann Benson has reviewed and recommends award of the bid submitted by High Tech Landscapes, Inc. in the amount \$132,250.00; and

**WHEREAS**, compensation is to be paid at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per regular hours and an hourly rate of \$160.00 for weekend hours for a three (3) man crew with an estimated 525 hours totaling \$80,750.00 for pruning, trimming and other services and unit prices based on diameter of trees removed, as an "open ended" contract. The projected cost in the bid was an estimate and may be exceeded if conditions warrant, but will be subject to the availability of funds and approval by Council action; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract will commence January 1, 2016 and end December 31, 2017 and may be renewed for up to (2) one-year extensions upon mutual agreement between the Township and High Tech Landscapes, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 have been made available in account Park Operating Budget 6-01-28-375-000-178 and the balance shall be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within FY2017 and/or in future fiscal years.

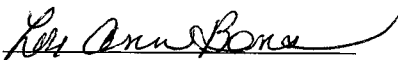
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid submitted by High Tech Landscapes, Inc. (10 Culnen Drive, Branchburg, NJ 08876) in the amount of \$132,250.00 is hereby accepted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2015 that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with High Tech Landscapes, Inc. . (10 Culnen Drive, Branchburg, NJ 08876) for the Tree Removal and Trimming Services in the amount of \$132,250.00.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kala Sriranganathan, Chief Financial Officer, certify that funds in the amount of funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 have been made available in account Park Operating Budget 6-01-28-375-000-178 and the balance shall be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within FY2017 and/or in future fiscal years. Contract # BID15012.

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Kala Sriranganathan  
Chief Financial Officer

  
Lou Ann Benson  
Director of Parks, Recreation and  
Community Services

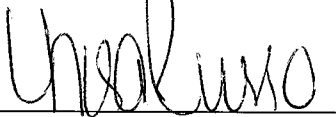
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Robert Lombard  
Business Administrator

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Ronald Gordon, Esq.  
Township Attorney  
Approved as to legal form

**RECORDED VOTE:**

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
NARRA				
NICOLA				
CORBIN				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
ANDREWS				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2015.

  
Lisa Russo  
Township Clerk

C: Ch.A. Benson  
J. Pruglin  
J. Guesh  
K. Sriranganathan  
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